

HARDING PLANS TO END COAL STRIKE

NEW SCHEDULE ON B. & O. TO START SUNDAY

Train 44, Chief Eastern Night Train, Leaves Here Earlier.

Important changes will be made in the new schedule which will be effective on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad beginning Sunday morning at 12:01 o'clock. Quite a few of these affect Fairmont.

One of the most important changes is train 44 from Wheeling to New York City, which now arrives at 9:44 p. m. and leaves at 9:50 p. m. Hereafter it will arrive at 9:25 p. m. and leave at 9:30 p. m. This is the train that the majority of business men from this section take for the east.

Train 53, which arrives at 6:55 a. m. from the east, for Wheeling and leaves here at 7 a. m., will hereafter leave at 7:05 a. m. Train 67 from Clarksburg to Pittsburgh, which now arrives at 12:15 a. m. and leaves here at 12:25 a. m., will arrive here at 12:25 a. m. and leave at 12:45 a. m.

Train 68 from Clarksburg to Pittsburgh, which arrives at 6:30 a. m. and leaves here at 6:40 o'clock, will arrive at 6:45 a. m. and leave at 7 a. m. There is sufficient time allowed so that train 63 for Wheeling and train 69 can exchange passengers as heretofore.

Train 70 will arrive here from Pittsburgh at 9:10 a. m. instead of 9:25 a. m. and will leave here for Clarksburg at 9:35 a. m. instead of 9:45 a. m.

Train 63, which leaves for Morgantown at 7:55 p. m., will be changed to 7:40 p. m. This train only goes as far north as Morgantown.

Although the time of No. 69 out of Fairmont is deferred it will continue to meet the No. 6 connection at Connellsville. According to reports, the morning accommodation train out of Fairmont for Grafton at 6:15 a. m. will connect with No. 2 for the east, which is to be deferred, but the Fairmont ticket office has not yet been apprised of detailed changes.

The schedule of B. & O. trains out of Fairmont on the new schedule will be as follows:

From Pittsburgh-Connellsville. Train Arrives Leaves
64 9:15 a. m. Fairmont Only
65 1:25 p. m. Fairmont Only
66 1:35 p. m. Fairmont Only
67 9:10 p. m. 8:35 p. m. for Clarksburg
68 5:50 a. m. 6:03 a. m. for Clarksburg

From Wheeling to Grafton.
36 Org. here 6:15 a. m. for Grafton
54 11:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m.
55 1:30 p. m. 1:35 p. m.
42 4:50 p. m. 4:50 p. m.
43 9:25 p. m. 9:30 p. m.

From Grafton to Wheeling.
53 6:55 a. m. 7:05 a. m.
52 9:42 a. m. 9:42 a. m.
51 1:30 p. m. 1:30 p. m.
50 6:30 p. m. 6:40 p. m.
49 8:10 p. m. Fairmont Only

From Clarksburg-Fairmont to Pittsburgh.
67 12:15 a. m. 12:25 a. m.
68 6:45 a. m. 7:00 a. m.
61 Originates Here 10:10 a. m.
62 Originates Here 7:40 p. m.
63 Originates Here 7:40 p. m.

Train No. 64 arriving here at 8:15 a. m. originates at Morgantown.
Train No. 63 leaving here at 7:40 p. m. goes only to Morgantown.
Train No. 68 connects with No. 7 for Cincinnati and St. Louis.

CHAPMAN NOMINATED.
HUNTINGTON, April 25.—With only a few precincts missing in yesterday's election, returns today indicated that Floyd M. Chapman, Republican and C. W. Campbell, Democrat, had been selected to head their respective tickets as majority candidates at the congressional election. Chapman is a state senator and Campbell is the present mayor.

John L. Whitten was the opponent of Chapman on the Republican ticket and Grayson Thornton, a tobacco broker, opposed Mayor Campbell.

Fifty-five precincts out of fifty-three gave Chapman 3,870; John L. Whitten 2,413; Campbell 4,456; Thornton 2,626.

CLAIM INCREASE.
CHARLESTON, April 25.—Coal loading reports for Monday received by the West Virginia Coal Association today indicated an increase of 21,150 tons more than the tonnage for Saturday last.

The reports did not include the tonnage of the northern part of the state nor the Windy Gulf. The remainder of the fields shipped 216,550 tons Monday.

Unconsigned cars on the Norfolk and Western Railway and on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad numbered more than 1,000 according to the reports.

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Charges Against Students Dropped

MORGANTOWN, April 25.—Misdemeanor indictments returned against four medical students in West Virginia University, charging them with throwing eggs and hydrogen sulphide ("stink capsules") at Dr. James G. Greggerson of Davenport, Iowa, during a lecture of chiropractic, were nullified in the Monongalia County Circuit Court here today on motion of the state. The students indicted were Thomas Nale, Morgantown; Leo Sulvatti, Monongah; Leo Mynes, Charleston; and Roy Metz, Wallace. In asking the court to nullify the indictments the assistant prosecuting attorney said that he was convinced that the students were not guilty, that the state had no evidence to offer against them, that the indictments were returned by the grand jury against the recommendations of the prosecuting attorney and that since the indictments had been returned four other students had appeared before a justice of the peace and pleaded guilty to the charges and had been fined. The names of the four were not available.

COAL MOVEMENT EASES EASTWARD

George C. Grolock Named Hutchinson's Eastern Sales Manager.

Ten trains drew 373 carloads of freight out of Grafton on the B. & O. Monday, and of that 40 cars were coal. To the west of the Monongah Division, there were 331 cars of freight loaded Monday. At midnight the same day there were 347 loads of freight on the Monongah Division, of which 274 cars were coal.

Eighty-four cars of coal were loaded east and eight cars west of the Monongah Division, B. & O. Monday. The coke shipments consisted of 26 cars to the west and two cars to the east.

Daily Railroad Fuel.
Thirty cars of coal were loaded out of the Monongah Division, B. & O. Monday as railroad fuel. All of this, the B. & O. secured. Off the Charleston Division, B. & O., 13 cars of railroad fuel were moved, all of which the B. & O. secured.

Railroad Fuel Gains.
More railroad fuel was shipped last week out of the Monongah Division, B. & O. than any week since the general suspension in the coal fields broke. A total of 186 cars of coal were shipped out of the division last week, all of which coal the B. & O. secured individually.

This compares with 94 cars for the week ending April 8 and 24 cars for the period ending April 22. This, however, consists of actual shipments and does not represent tonnage loaded last week.

The heavy shipments consisted of 40 carloads on Wednesday and 91 cars on Friday. This was an increase of 162 carloads compared to the previous week.

Twenty-one cars of railroad fuel were loaded out of the Charleston Division, B. & O. last week. All of this coal was taken by the B. & O. individually. The largest daily shipment was Friday of last.

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SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN DECISIONS TODAY

CHARLESTON, April 25.—Decisions handed down by the supreme court today included:

Ernest McCoy vs. Arch Price Calhoun; judgment reversed; verdict set aside and new trial awarded.

The Manufacturers Light and Heat Co. vs. Alvy U. Lemasters, Tyler, decree reversed and case remanded.

Wood Taylor vs. W. M. Fields, Roane; reversed; judgment entered for defendant.

W. J. Palmer vs. John M. Newman, Wetzel; decree reversed and bill dismissed.

Louis A. McLain vs. Anna May McLain certified from Ohio County; ruling of circuit court reversed and demurrer to amend bill sustained.

G. B. Simmons vs. Minnie B. Simmons, Roane, judgment reversed; findings of court set aside and judgment entered for plaintiff in the sum of \$633.08.

F. R. Parriott vs. Edgewood Coal Co., Marshall; decree reversed in part and affirmed in part.

R. R. Kitchen vs. local union No. 141, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, certified from Ohio County; rulings of circuit court overruling the several demurrers to bill sustained.

Bad C. Smith vs. United Fuel Gas Co., Roane; judgment affirmed.

JUDGE OVERRULES DEMURRER FILED BY UNION MINERS

Court Ordered Recess at Trial of Miners to Consider Demurrer.

ACTION UNEXPECTED

Decision Not Made Until 3:05 This Afternoon—Treason Charge Held Valid.

CHARLES TOWN, April 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Judge Woods today overruled the demurrer made by twenty-three defendants to the indictment charging treason in acts they were alleged to have committed during and before the march of miners and others against Logan County non-union stronghold.

Judge Woods' action came at 3:05 this afternoon after he had spent last night and this morning studying the many precedents quoted by prosecution and defense during the argument and other legal questions bearing on the issue. He reviewed at length both of the major grounds presented by the defense as reasons for stating the indictment was faulty. The defendants elected to be tried separately.

CHARLES TOWN, April 25.—By The Associated Press.—Decision on whether treason charges against District President C. Frank Keeney and twenty-two others were to be tried was postponed today when Judge J. M. Woods ordered a recess until this afternoon before announcing his action of the defendant's demurrer to the indictment.

With legal, technical and long citations from legal authorities furnishing the only activities of the present in the cases which are expected to delve deep into the history of the 1921 "armed march," the band of defendants and their relatives and friends watched every move with keen interest. And while the numerous counsel associated with the prosecution joined their confidence that the court would find the treason indictment valid, some of the miners' friends were sure the indictment would be quashed. "I think we will be 'shot' of this case and go home right quick," the aged mother of one of the defendants called to a friend as the crowd filed out of the court room.

"I'm praying for it. Are you praying much, now, Sam?" she asked, and smiled when blushes and stammers choked off Sam's answer.

As soon as court opened, argument on the defense demurrer was renewed. A. M. Belcher, associated with the prosecuting attorney, citing more authorities which he offered in addition to those he presented yesterday. One was a quotation from federal statutes offered to refute the defense claim that federal cases cited by the prosecution did not apply because the section of the West Virginia code dividing offenses into felonies and misdemeanors was not duplicated in United States laws.

One of the main contentions of the defense was that the absence of the word "feloniously" makes the indictment faulty.

Hardly had Mr. Belcher finished when Harold W. Houston, leader of the array of legal talent acting for the United Mine Workers, was on his feet to argue that the statute quoted was a recent one, passed many years after the Fries tax rebellion, concerning which the federal indictment, cited yesterday, was brought.

Judge Woods then declared he was not ready to give his decision on the demurrer and motion to quash until he had studied some other cases in West Virginia practice which were not available to him last night. He requested counsel for both sides to help him to get these reports and then adjourned court until this afternoon.

SPEAN PLEADS GUILTY.
William Spean of Parkers River entered a plea of guilty to a charge of violating the State Prohibition Law when arraigned in Magistrate M. R. Musgrove's court for trial today. He was sentenced to serve thirty days in the county jail and on the roads and pay a fine of \$100 and costs. He entered jail and started serving his time today. Spean was arrested April 13, but was released on bond for his appearance for trial today.

GAMES POSTPONED.
Big league games postponed today owing to rain include the following National League contests: Pittsburgh and Chicago at Chicago; Cincinnati and St. Louis at Cincinnati.

The American League game between Chicago and Cleveland at Cleveland was also postponed.

Murder Denied by Grandfather



ELIZABETH MATHIS, 8, AND HER BROTHERS WILLIAM, 8 (LEFT), AND HORACE, 6 (RIGHT).

HOUSTON, Tex., April 25.—Y. S. Mathis, 65, grandfather of the three Mathis children found dead in their beds here with four open gas jets in the room; is being held by police.

The children were Elizabeth, 8, William, 8, and Horace, 6.

"I am innocent. I want to be released so I can help run down the murderers," he says.

Police have been conferring frequently with the mother of the children, who was not at home when the tragedy occurred but who reached Houston 24 hours later.

With the aid of three small children officials re-enacted the killing in the presence of Mathis. He averred his head each time the children came within the range of his vision.

Officials declare that if he had been asleep at the time of the murder he says, the gas fumes would have killed him, as the door between his room and that occupied by the children was lousy ajar.

BRUCE IS CLEARED OF SERIOUS CHARGE

A warrant charging Genesee Bruce, 17 year old East Side school boy, with disorderly conduct and making improper advances toward Miss Pearl Bartholow, 16-year-old girl employed as a clerk in the Kelly-Malcolm grocery store in Morgantown, was dismissed today by Mayor W. W. Conway today when the prosecuting witness failed to prove her case.

A large number of witnesses were summoned to testify in the case and the taking of testimony was not concluded until 11:30 o'clock. The evidence showed that Miss Bartholow was inclined to joke with the boys who loitered in the store and said anything improper to Miss Bartholow.

This was the only case on the docket for trial today as the police failed to make any arrests over the night.

ANTHRACITE OPERATORS FAIL TO AGREE TODAY

NEW YORK, April 25.—Failure of anthracite operators to agree on a program of wage reduction demands today resulted in a temporary suspension of conferences of the joint sub-committee on wage contract negotiations seeking to end the coal strike. No date was set for the next meeting.

REPORTS FILED

The appraisement bill of the estate of William E. Brammer of Worthington was filed in the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield today. The report of the appraisers shows that the estate is valued at \$1,331.86. The appraisers were Harry H. Kincaid, T. C. McClelland, and H. E. Middlemas. The report of the appraisers was accepted by W. R. Hoffman, trustee for William E. Brammer.

Fred W. Burnett, administrator of the estate of Silas E. Burnett, today filed the appraisement bill of the estate in the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield today. The report of the appraisers shows that the estate is valued at \$5,016, according to the report of the appraisers. The report is signed by Finley Oakes, L. W. Peter and J. W. Kohn.

BREAK SEEMS IMMINENT AT GENOA PARLEY

France to Leave Conference Unless Russia Gets Ultimatum.

TO DEMAND TERMS

Russian Delegate Says His Country May Return Property.

LONDON, April 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—There is reliable information, declares a Central News dispatch from Genoa, that M. Barhou of the French delegation received telegraphic instructions today to insist at the conference upon the terms contained in Premier Poincare's speech of Monday.

The French delegation, says the message, has declared it will press for a forty-eight hour ultimatum to Russia or else break from the conference altogether.

Premier Poincare's speech created great consternation in conference circles, it is added.

May Honor Claims.
GENOA, April 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Foreign Minister Chicherin of Soviet Russia declared to The Associated Press today that allied resistance to the Russian principle of nationalization was blocking the economic conference.

"It is obvious," he said, "that the only serious obstacles to the peace with Russia and general reconstruction are the pretensions of a few former owners of property in Russia."

The Russian minister's statement was called out by the high tension developed over Russian claims, which are considered in some quarters as threatening to disrupt the conference. He insisted, however, that it was the efforts of the Allies to resist Russia's attempt to infringe upon her sovereignty.

"There is no difference between our official proposals of April 25 and my letter to Mr. Lloyd George of April 20," said M. Chicherin. "We merely developed the fourth phrase of our note, that dealing with the restoration of property to foreigners. In my letter to Mr. Lloyd George, it was said that we would restore to foreigners who were former owners the use of their property where it was possible. In our proposals it was explained in detail that this was possible only in cases where our social and economic system and our fundamental laws permitted it."

"It is quite clear that the maintenance of our sovereign rights and our principles for the reconstruction of Russia are to be strictly observed. To give to former owners the use of their property is therefore possible only in conformity with our sovereign laws and only when our fundamental laws permit this step in our policy." (Continued on Page Eight)

KING RESUMES ATTACK ON TARIFF MEASURE

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Resuming his attack on the tariff bill, Senator King, Democrat, Utah, told the Senate today that the rates proposed in the chemical schedule of the measure were to "increase the already swollen fortunes of the drug and chemical manufacturers of the United States" at the expense of the sick.

Senator King charged that some drug manufacturers, naming Parke, Davis and Co., as one, had "gotten rich beyond the dreams of avarice by extortionate charges levied on the sick," and inquired to know if the E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co., which he said manufactured many drugs and chemicals and had capital of \$25,000,000, was "an infant industry," to be protected not only by high rates, but in some cases by an embargo.

HELD ON DOPE CHARGE.
Tonzie McKenzie, negro proprietor of an alleged disorderly house in Water street, and Bertha Kirk, an inmate of said house, were held for the action of the federal court grand jury at Wheeling beginning May 2 by United States Commissioner J. P. Kirby yesterday afternoon. They are charged with violating the Harrison Narcotic law. Their bond was placed at \$5,000 each, and in default of furnishing the required bond they were sent back to jail. L. M. Graves of Clarksburg, narcotic inspector for this district, made complaint against the couple.

Claims Harding Excellent Golfer

CHICAGO, April 25.—President Harding is a mighty good golfer, according to George O'Neill, a Chicago professional, who has returned from an invitational golf week with the nation's chief executive. O'Neill said that the match play temperament of the president was even better than his medal scoring ability, although Mr. Harding made the last nine holes on a day in forty-one, which is far better than a mere duffer can do.

President Harding is a hard hitter and is improving his game constantly, so that O'Neill predicts that he soon will be scoring constantly in the 80's. He does not drive such a long ball, but he is gaining in distance and has improved his short game.

SCOTT NEARLY LOSES JOB HERE

Gets Letter Saying That He Had Resigned—It Was Address Mistake.

"All the mistakes are not made in one spot," remarked Postmaster John S. Scott this morning when discussing the postal improvement week program which will be carried out in the local field, starting next Monday.

"To err is human, to forgive divine," continued Mr. Scott. "We all make mistakes, and if we will all work together we can avoid making the same mistake twice."

Then Postmaster Scott told a little incident that took place a few days ago, which at the outset seemed certain to mean a new postmaster for Fairmont through the resignation of the present chief executive of the local office.

A few mornings ago when Postmaster Scott was going through his mail he opened a letter addressed to "Postmaster, Fairmont, W. Va.," coming from the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

The letter was an acknowledgment of the resignation of the postmaster, advising him what to do if he desired to be relieved at once.

Postmaster Scott, knowing that he had not sent in his resignation, took another look at the envelope, thinking possibly the letter had been mislaid to the local office; but it was addressed "Postmaster, Fairmont, W. Va." He then took a look at the head of the letter and the mystery was explained for here it read "Fairmont, Minn." It was an error on the part of the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

Quite naturally, it was quite a relief to Postmaster Scott, who had (Continued on Page Eight)

CONFERENCES ON BONUS BILL END

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Informal conferences on soldier bonus legislation between senate finance committee Republicans and officials of veteran organizations were closed today, and Chairman McCumber said it was the plan to go ahead with the working out of details of the measure. When that has been done, the matter will be taken up with President Harding.

Spokesmen for the veterans were represented as having expressed satisfaction with the proposal to substitute a twenty-year endowment insurance policy for the adjusted service certificate feature of the House bill with a modification that would make borrowings from banks possible. They also were said by some committee men to have offered no objection to the elimination of the land settlement option.

Grant Memorial Service To Be Held at 2 p. m. Saturday

Grant memorial day exercises will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the County Court room by the memorial committee of the Fred R. Heintzelman post, No. 17 American Legion, the Grant day committee of the G. A. R., the memorial committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Heintzelman post and other veteran organizations.

The following program will be presented and all Americans and aliens who should be naturalized citizens have been invited to attend:

Community song. Audience. Oration. Judge E. M. Showalter. Music. Billy Sunday Quartet. Americanization. Speech.

Star Spangled Banner. H. H. Rose. Pledge of Allegiance. Audience. This will be a combined celebration of Grant memorial day and Americanization day.

U. S. RESERVES RIGHTS ON RUSSIAN WAR DEBTS

LONDON, April 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Richard Washburn Child, American ambassador to Italy, has notified the Genoa conference that the United States reserves all its rights on the repayment of war debts due from Russia, says a dispatch to the Evening Standard from Genoa this evening. Those debts include private bankers' loans and advances to the Kerensky government.

PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED ON WALKOUT SOON

Separate Wage Agreements by Farrington May Be Attempted.

NO DETAILS GIVEN

Federal Control of Mines Not Considered in Harding's Plan.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The government is working on a plan looking to ending of the coal strike which it will submit soon to both operators and union leaders, it was said today at the White House. Details of the plan were not disclosed, but it was said that it does not include federal supervision of the coal industry.

The plan which now is receiving the attention of President Harding and his advisors was said to contemplate a permanent solution if possible, of the basic problems of the industry. Presentation of the plan, it was indicated, would be made when a favorable opportunity presented itself.

FARRINGTON ACT.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 25.—Negotiations of separate state wage agreements by striking coal miners in Kentucky and Tennessee was announced today by Frank Farrington, Illinois president of the United Mine Workers.

Separate wage agreements by locals in Illinois are imminent, he added. In Alabama, he said, the state union officers have instructed members to continue at work.

ELEVEN BIG CASES DISMISSED TODAY

Three Traction Company Cases and Eight Against Railroad Co. Settled.

Orders were entered in Circuit Court this afternoon dismissing eleven of the biggest cases scheduled to be tried at the present term of court and saving the county thousands of dollars as each of the cases would take from two days to a week to try.

The first cases to be settled out of court were the \$10,000 damages cases of Cora J. Emy, and Mamie E. Sides versus the Monongahela Valley Traction Co., and Andy Ash Snider versus the Monongahela Power and Railway Co. The orders entered in those three cases set up the fact that the cases had been settled satisfactorily to the plaintiffs and that the defendant would pay the costs of the cases.

Using the verdict of the jury in the case of Viola Curry vs. the Buckhannon & Northern Railroad Co., as a basis, eight other cases growing out of the same trouble were compromised and dismissed from the docket of the Circuit Court. The cases were styled as:

Boyers Boyce vs. Buckhannon & Northern Railroad Co.
Denzil Hayhurst, an infant under the age of 21 years, who sues by his next friend, Viola Curry vs. The Buckhannon & Northern Railroad Co.

Viola Curry vs. Buckhannon & Northern Railroad Co.
Denzil Hayhurst, an infant under the age of 21 years, who sues by his next friend, Viola Curry vs. Monongahela Railway Co. and others.

Boyers Boyce vs. Monongahela Railway Co., and others.
Viola Curry vs. Monongahela Railway Co. and others.
Cassie Fortner vs. Monongahela Railway Co. and others.

Harry Shaw and Walter R. Hargrove were attorneys for the plaintiffs in all of the cases, while Frank C. Raymond and Rollo J. Conley represented the railway company.

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